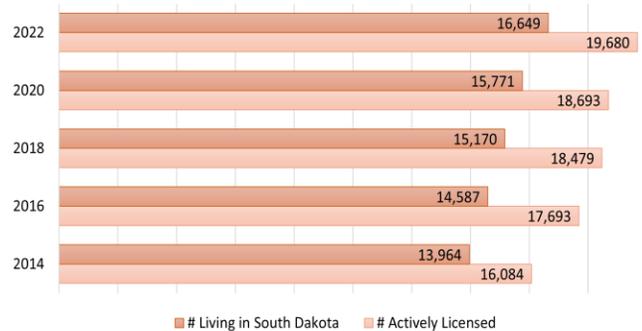


### Licensure

As of 12/5/2022, there were **19,680** actively licensed South Dakota RNs; **16,649** (84.6%) live in the state.

### Licensure Trends

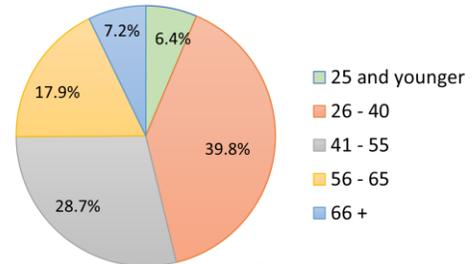


### Demographics



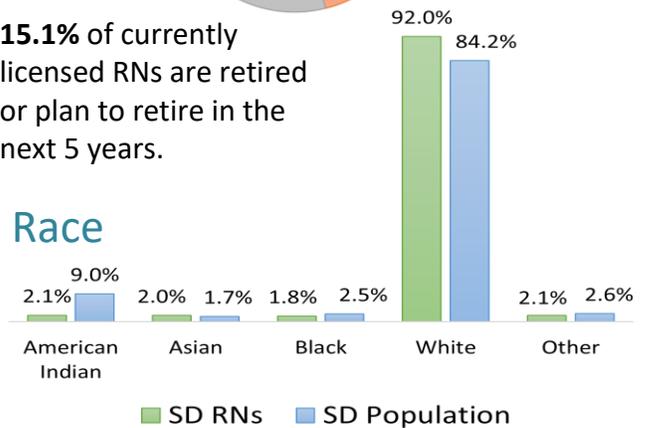
**9.9%** of Registered Nurses are male.

### Age



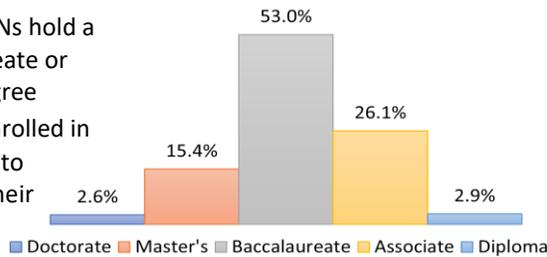
**15.1%** of currently licensed RNs are retired or plan to retire in the next 5 years.

### Race



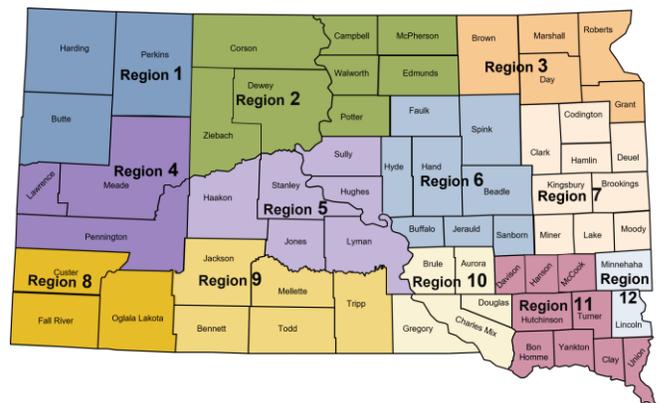
### Highest Education Degree

**71%** of RNs hold a baccalaureate or higher degree  
**6%** are enrolled in education to advance their degree



### Regional Distribution

**More RNs are needed to meet South Dakota's projected 12% increased employment demand.\***

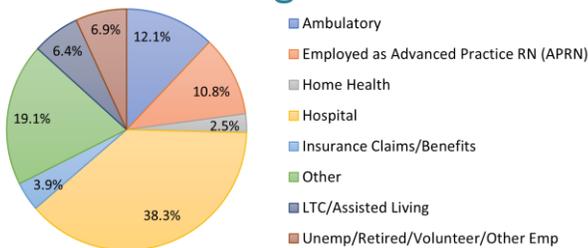


Region	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
# RNs	145	318	899	3,307	387	442	1,343	313	170	396	2,017	6,912	16,649
% RNs	0.9	1.9	5.4	19.9	2.3	2.6	8.1	1.9	1.0	2.4	12.1	41.5	100%
% General State Population	1.6	3.0	7.3	18.8	3.2	4.2	11.4	3.3	2.6	2.7	12.0	30.0	100%
FTE Availability	108	236	667	2,452	287	328	996	232	126	294	1,496	5,125	12,347

### Employment

**66%** of RNs are employed in the role of a registered nurse full-time and **11.4%** part-time.

### Practice Settings



**65.7%**  
Practice in SD

**6.9%** practice in neighboring states  
**9.5%** practice in other states  
**10.8%** practice as APRNs  
**6.9%** are retired, unemployed, or volunteer

Licensure data retrieved from the SD Board of Nursing's licensure system on 12/5/2022; and from historical South Dakota Center for Nursing Workforce Supply and Employment Characteristics reports. For more information visit <https://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/RandP.aspx>.

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